



**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
ALLOCATES MONEY TO ISLAND
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WASHINGTON, DC- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security reported today to Resident Commissioner in Washington, Pedro Pierluisi, the allocation of \$1,120,154 for several programs, including the management of emergencies and natural disasters.

The Department of Transportation and Public Works of Puerto Rico will receive \$662,000 through the *Driver's License Security* program.

Through this program, driver's licenses are issued with federal requirements for identification, in order to "prevent terrorism and reduce fraud," the Resident Commissioner explained.

In addition, \$316,000 are allocated to improve the communication and managing emergencies programs, whether natural or provoked. The money for the *Interoperable Emergency Communications* program is assigned to the State Agency for Management of Emergencies and Disasters.

In addition, the Municipality of San Juan will receive \$143,000 for its Emergency Operations Center.

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